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ENGLISH SECTS. A HISTORY OF NONCONFORMITY. W. B. SELBIE. (The Home University Library of Modern Knowledge). Henry Holt & Co. Pp. 256. 50 cents.

In this small volume the learned Principal of Mansfield College has presented the salient facts of Nonconformist history with great clearness and a high degree of impartiality. The space at his disposal has made impossible any extensive characterization of leaders or elaborate discussion of movements, but the reader who comes to these pages will gain from them a distinct impression of the aims, vicissitudes, and present significance of these important elements in English religious life. As a brief introductory survey the work is likely to be useful.

WILLISTON WALKER.

YALE UNIVERSITY.

PRESENT DAY THEOLOGY. WASHINGTON GLADDEN. McClelland & Co. Columbus, Ohio. Pp. 220.

Stirred by obnoxious revival services conducted by a theologically illiterate evangelist, Dr. Gladden preached in his own church in Columbus a series of week-day sermons designed to overcome evil with good by a clear presentation of the views now entertained by leading preachers and theologians in different Protestant communions. Of Congregationalists, he quotes frequently from President King of Oberlin and Professor Stevens of Yale; of Presbyterians, from Professor Brown of Union; of Baptists, from Professor Clarke of Colgate; and of Episcopalians, from Phillips Brooks—with the manifest purpose of showing that the theology he advocates is no individual whimsey but is really representative of modern religious thinking. The sermons were hastily prepared and hurriedly printed, but they have a movement and fervor which would probably have been lacking in more studied and deliberate productions. If any one doubts whether the so-called new theology is preachable, he may be confidently commended to this volume of theology at pulpit temperature.

W. W. FENN.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

THE FIRST PRINCIPLES OF EVOLUTION. S. HERBERT, M.D. The Macmillan Company. 1913. Pp. 346. \$2.00.

It was a well-known geologist who said of Professor Dana's *Manual of Geology* that it contained "all that the Lord had ever made," but that "it would take the Lord himself to find it." Dr. Herbert's